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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	J. Casimer Jacyna	3751	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6,7,10,12-35,37 and 39-43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5,8,9,11,36,38 and 44 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05262004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

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1. Applicant's election with traverse of group 1, figures 1-5, in the reply filed on 6/17/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claims that correspond to each species with reasoning and analysis for separating the species has not been provided. This is not found persuasive because the species represent separate and distinct structures that used independently of each other. One cannot simultaneously use the inserts from the different embodiments on the same ram at the same time in the same place because they have different independent structures. These are considered to be independent inventions unless they are proven to be linked by an allowable generic claim. Until an allowed generic claim is entered in this case they will remain restricted. In regard to identifying claims and making a showing of independence, this is not required under U.S. practice. In a U.S. filed application Applicant identifies which claims correspond with each species (see MPEP 809.02(a) part (C). The Office is only required to state corresponding claims and identify prior art showing reasoning and analysis in PCT filed international applications that are governed by PCT rules.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 6, 7, 10, 12-25, 37 and 39-43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 6/17/2005.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 36, 38 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rector (2,593,793). Rector discloses a ram including a body 33, a seal 56, an arcuate surface for body and seal 37, 46, 52, horizontal and vertical seal supports in front of 57 below 55, 43 and 58, a protruding portion of the seal at 42, 52 as shown in figures 2 and 4, connectors 41, 47 and (see claim 8) an angled surface at the rear of 49.

5. Claims 1-5, 11, 36 and 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lee, Jr. (5,833,208). Lee discloses a ram including a body 22, a seal 23, an arcuate surface for body and seal at 30, horizontal and vertical seal supports 31, 34, a protruding portion of the seal at 52 as shown in figures 2 and 4 and connectors 54, 56.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ward teaches another protruding insert 30.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed. thru Fri. 9AM-7PM, Mon. 7AM-1PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 703-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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